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Passaic County Community College

THE 2022 ALLEN GINSBERG POETRY AWARD WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE

January Gill O'Neil, Beverly, MA

"At the Rededication of the Emmett Till
Memorial, Glendora, MS, October 19, 2019"

Bill Wunder, Langhorne, PA

"Looking Through Old Family Photographs"

SECOND PRIZE

Jason Craig Poole, South Orange, NJ

"First Dance"

Sherida Yoder, North Haledon, NJ

"Sometimes"

THIRD PRIZE

Colleen Michaels, Beverly, MA

"One Day We Were Full and Flush"

Wanda S. Praisner, Bedminster, NJ

"Departures"

HONORABLE MENTION

Svea Barret, Rochelle Park, NJ

"Her House"

Howard Berelson, Teaneck, NJ

"What it means to get old"

Norma Ketzis Bernstock, Milford, PA

"Uptown"

Charlie Brice, Pittsburgh, PA

"An Elegy of Air"

Jeanne Fleming, Warwick, NY

"Tattooed on the Inside"

Linda Nemeč Foster, Grand Rapids, MI

"The Passenger Next to Me on the Flight from
Krakow to Chicago, Who Looks Like My Mother"

Maria Giura, Staten Island, NY

"Sicily in July"

Karen E. Haefelein, Manchester, NJ

"An Apology to My Sister"

Diane Khoury, Cresskill, NJ

"Lost Scenes from Childhood"

Maria Lisella, Long Island City, NY

"Playback: Back-to-School Basics"

Frances Lombardi-Grahl, Clifton, NJ

"Chubby"

Joyce Greenberg Lott, Long Beach, CA

"Those of Us Who Walk with Walkers"

Mary Makofske, Warwick, NY

"At 77, I Calculate My Chances"

Luisa LoCascio Matarazzo, Lebanon, NJ

"My Immigrant Mother"

Elinor Mattern, Bloomfield, NJ

"To Sleep, Perchance"

Greg Moglia, Hauppauge, NY

"Parents"

karla k. morton, Raton, NM
Lisa Coll Nicolaou, Fair Lawn, NJ
Rina Nilooban, Highland Park, NJ
Marion Paganello, Fair Lawn, NJ
Jennifer Poteet, Montclair, NJ
Maude Carolan Pych, Totowa Borough, NJ
Natasha Rabin, Nyack, NY
Robert A Rosenbloom, Bound Brook, NJ
Kenneth Silvestri, Nyack, NY
Marika Stone, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Matthew Thorburn, Kingston, NJ
Pam Vap, Sun City, AZ
Peggy Vassallo, West Orange, NJ

"The Begetting"
"Reaching For a Ring"
"Preciosa"
"Blood Red"
"The New Newark"
"My Sister and I Agree to Go White Together"
"To Know What She Knows"
"In The Night Kitchen"
"My city of origin #85"
"Thanksgiving 1950"
"For Winter"
"Unloading"
"How To Eat a Tomato Sandwich"

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Joanne M. Clarkson, Port Townsend, WA
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Amanda Latrenta Crane, River Edge, NJ
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George Drew, Poestenkill, NY

"The Windward Child"
"A Stranger in the Mirror"
"My Husband Is Dead, But I'm Still Doing His Laundry"
"How Was Your dinner at Henrietta's Table?"
"Flannery O'Connor Had a Chicken
that Walked Backward"
"A Visit"
"The Right Words"
"Daddy's Home"
"Solitaire"
"What You Knew"
"Tripping on Halos"
"To My Sister during Lockdown"

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Eileen Van Hook, Wanaque, NJ
Antoinette Libro, Sea Isle City, NJ
Marilyn Mohr, West Orange, NJ
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Award Winners' Reading — February 4, 2023

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